

REMARKS

Claims 5, 7, 8, 11, 21-28 and 31 are pending.

Claims 11, 21-28 and 31 are allowed. The Office Action indicated that claims 5, 7, and 8 are allowable. As amended, claims 5 and 8 are in independent form and include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 depends from claim 5.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 13-20, 29, and 30 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by this amendment.

If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Should the Commissioner decide that any fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this response to Deposit Account No. 03-0172, order number 12873/04325.

Respectfully submitted,

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